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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/26/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Abstract, line 4: "tow opposite ends" has been changed to - -two opposite ends- -.
- Specification, page 2, line 19: "two through holes is defined" has been changed to - -two through holes are defined- -.
- Claim 1, lines 4-5: "tow opposite ends" has been changed to - -two opposite ends- -.
- Claim 1, line 10: "two through holes is defined" has been changed to - -two through holes are defined- -.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because prior art fails to teach an adjustment device for a circular saw with two first and two second guides bars, each guide bar pair having a stopper at one end and a connector with two through holes at the opposite end as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claim 1, He (6,550,363 B2) discloses a movement adjust device for a circular saw, comprising: a holder (76) adapted to be secured on a rear end of a base member of the circular saw, the holder (76) having two through holes defined in two opposite ends of a top portion of the holder (76); two first guide bars (70a, 72a) each

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slidably extending through a corresponding one of the two through holes in the holder (76), each first guide bar (70a, 72a) having a first end securely received in a first stopper (74) to prevent the two first guide bars (70a, 72a) from detaching from the holder (76). In addition, He discloses two second guide bars (70b, 72b). He fails to disclose a connector with two through holes, a second stopper, and a third stopper. Whitman (2,297,927) discloses guide bars (28, 30, 34) similar to He, but also discloses stops (83, 43) between the bars. These stops allow the bars to be secured in position while extended. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide stops, as discloses by Whitman, on the He device for the purpose of securing the bars in position while extended. However, this combination still fails to show a connector with two through holes, as well as the arrangement claimed.

The above prior art by itself or in combination with the other prior art cited fails to teach the claimed invention set forth in claim 1.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hoyer-Ellefsen (5,438,899) discloses a movement adjust device for a circular saw comprising guide bars. Chen (5,241,888) discloses a movement adjust device for a circular saw comprising three guides bars, each slidably extending through a holder. Watson (US Patent Application 2004/0200330 A1) discloses a

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movement adjust device for a circular saw comprising four guide bars. Peck (3,174,634) discloses a movement adjust device with guide bars that slidably extend. Svetlik et al (6,758,123 B2), Stumpf et al (6,425,309 B1), Brunson et al (5,870,938), Fukinuki (5,421,228), Sasaki et al (5,768,967), Brault et al (5,819,624), and Sato et al (4,868,142) disclose movement adjust devices for a circular saw comprising two first guides bars, each slidably extending through a holder.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn T Blake whose telephone number is (571) 272-4503. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, alternating Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N Shoap can be reached on (571) 272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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